

AMENDMENT

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Paragraph beginning at line 19 of page 4 has been amended as follows:

Figures 7A-7B show[[s]] the homology of TADG-14 with mouse neuropsin. There was approximately 76% identity for the open reading frame and low homology outside of the open reading frame.

Paragraph beginning at line 12 of page 35 has been amended as follows:

Examination of the databases for both the expressed tag sequence and complete transcripts provided seven genes that had significant homology to this newly identified serine protease. One gene was identified from mouse brain and a comparison of the nucleotide homology is provided in Figures 7A-7B. A comparison of the homology of the amino acid sequence is provided in Figure 8. Alignment of TADG-14 with mouse neuropsin revealed 77.2% similarity and 72.2% identity at the amino acid levels for these two genes. Given that the size of the mouse transcript is 1.4kb and that the mouse gene contains 260 amino acids and there is greater than 70% homology, this gene may be a human equivalent of the mouse neuropsin gene or a family member of neuropsin-like genes.